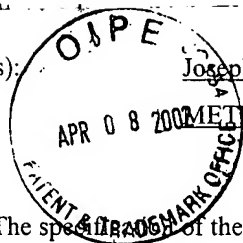


Inventor(s): Joseph A. Mlinar, Todd W. Hajos and Kenneth J. Wagner

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WEAKENING A PORTION OF A WEB



### POWER OF ATTORNEY

The specification of the above-identified patent application:

- ☐ is attached hereto  
☒ was filed on December 28, 2001 as application Serial No. 10/034,994

I hereby revoke all previously granted powers of attorney in the above-identified patent application and appoint the following attorneys to prosecute said patent application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorneys named herein to accept and follow instructions from Thomas J. Connelly, Esq. as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorneys named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., a corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

- ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached hereto.  
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The undersigned has reviewed the assignment or all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Joseph A. Mlinar, Todd W. Hajos and Kenneth J. Wagner, hereinafter called the "Assignors", has made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WEAKENING A PORTION OF A WEB, for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on December 28, 2001 and assigned Application Serial No. 10/034,994;

WHEREAS, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956-0349, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the

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patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

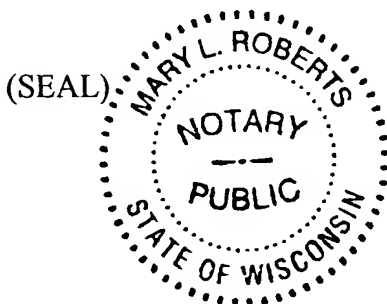
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Joseph A. Mlinar  
JOSEPH A. MLINAR

STATE OF )  
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I, Maryl Roberts a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that JOSEPH A. MLINAR, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.



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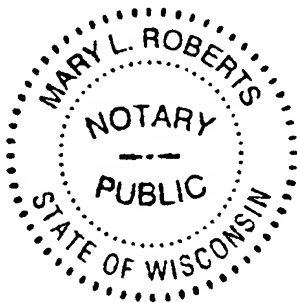
TODD W. HAJOS

STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss.

I, Mary L. Roberts, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that TODD W. HAJOS, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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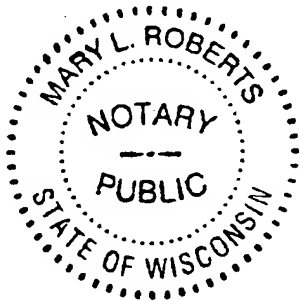
Kenneth J. Wagner  
KENNETH J. WAGNER

STATE OF )  
                  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF )

I, Mary L. Roberts a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that KENNETH J. WAGNER, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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